

Sinclair
Broadcasting is
blatantly, clearly
and illegally
engaging in
electioneering to
support the
Republican Party and
the election of
George W. Bush.

If Michael Powell
can live up to his
sworn
responsibilities as
Chairman of the FCC,
he will immediately
institute any and
all actions
allowable under the
law and FCC
regulations, to
review the licenses
of all Sinclair
Broadcasting radio
and television
stations.

Their decision to
force their stations
to air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own

communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.